

SUMMARY

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Called Meeting

December 18, 2009

12:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Meeting Room of City Hall, 315 Bradley Street
Carrollton, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in a special called meeting on Friday, December 18, 2009 in the second floor meeting room of City Hall, 315 Bradley Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer. Members absent: Councilmember Peter Balega, (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Garner announced the meeting had been called at the request of Councilmember Elect Mike Patterson and Councilmember Balega to consider again purchasing the Curtis Costley property (40 acres).

II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Consideration for purchase of Costley Property

City Manager Coleman reminded the Mayor and Council of the decision at the September 14, 2009 Mayor and Council Meeting to delay a final decision on the purchase of approximately forty (40) acres from Curtis Costley. CM Coleman shared a survey of the property with members. CM Coleman remarked that this past year the City purchased the adjoining property (Hobbs Farm) for a large passive park and site for a future roadway leading from Stewart Street over to Hwy. 27 North. The 40 acres (tracts 3 and 4) as shown on the survey, plus an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ acre from the southwest tip of tract 2 would provide the final piece of property required to move forward with the project in the future.

CM Coleman noted that at some point in time the City would need to dredge the lake and use the property for the slurry (silt). CM Coleman reported that he had discussed the issue with local engineer Doug Crawford and Mr. Crawford is of the opinion that not having to haul the slurry out of the area would pay for itself in those savings alone.

Mayor Garner stated if the Costley property was purchased, several ideas for the use of the property had been voiced including a passive recreation area, amphitheater, and equestrian center. Mayor Garner noted at this time the City would not place conditions on the property. Mayor Garner announced that Councilmember Maierhofer had a group of volunteers willing to study all of the property and report their findings for the best use. Councilmember Byrd agreed that the City should preserve as much nature on the property as possible. Mayor Garner requested Councilmember Byrd assist Councilmember Maierhofer with the results of the study.

CM Coleman stated that Mr. Costley has agreed to keep the price reduced to \$6,000 per acre (as offered in September), for a total of \$244,500 for the property. CM Coleman commented that should the City desire to purchase this property, it may be paid for utilizing 2008 SPLOST Greenspace funds. There being no further discussion: **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, Seconded by Councilmember Byrd to authorize the City Manager to purchase the Costley property as presented. Motion passed. (3 – 0). (Councilmember Balega absent and Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

III. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address Mayor Garner adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.